

Austin Yupyo Kong—Allen, Texas—Allen High School

Shannon Elizabeth Rogers—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

William Benac Allred—Richardson, Texas—Plano East Senior High School

Travis Ross Beach—Garland, Texas—Trinity Christian Academy

Nicholas Gregory Cerf—McKinney, Texas—Liberty High School

Mitchell Martin Larios—Frisco, Texas—Frisco High School

Kamron Alexander Murrell—Allen, Texas—Allen High School

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Allie Nicole Baumgarten—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

Constance Ruth Gabel—Plano, Texas—Canyon Creek Christian Academy

Cameron Kistler—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

Joseph Paul Lamb—Plano, Texas—Plano East Senior High School

Melissa Lynn Leonhardt—Plano, Texas—Plano Senior High School

*Adam Ayelle Melaku—Garland, Texas—Garland High School

Andrew Stephen Parks—McKinney, Texas—Austin Tennis Academy College Preparatory School

Adam Joseph Wilkins—McKinney, Texas—McKinney North High School

UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

Colin Spencer Can—Plano, Texas—Plano West Senior High School

Kinser Dean Newkirk—Plano, Texas—Prince of Peace Christian School

Jack Andrew Westrich—McKinney, Texas—McKinney Boyd High School

*Adam Melaku will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Congratulations are in order for these 18 appointees and 1 U.S. Air Force Preparatory School student. God bless you, God bless Texas, God bless America, and I salute you.

RECOGNIZING THE MANY FINE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. JIM BRUBAKER OF THE CARLSBAD HI-NOON ROTARY CLUB

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the many outstanding achievements of Jim Brubaker, the outgoing president of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club. Mr. Brubaker's leadership during the 2011–2012 Rotary year has contributed significantly to the Hi-Noon Rotary Club, the community of Carlsbad and the mission of Rotary. During his tenure, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club sponsored; RYLA, a youth awareness leadership conference; provided a Christmas party and provided meals and gifts to needy elementary school children; co-sponsored the Oktoberfest fundraiser that benefited the Carlsbad Women's Resource Center, Carlsbad Boys and Girls Club and other charitable community organizations; sponsored a golf tournament which funded scholarships for Carlsbad high school students and Marines returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, and provided support to other needy military personnel and their families; promoted literacy by providing dictionaries for English and Spanish speaking elementary

school children; conducted a Business and Ethics conference for AVID high school students; provided support to La Posada, a facility for the homeless and sponsored the Four-Way Speech Contest, a program to help develop public speaking skills of our community high school students. We assisted in the distribution of food, clothing and toys to over 400 needy Carlsbad families in conjunction with the Carlsbad Christmas Bureau. Under President Brubaker's leadership the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary and its membership completed a number of other projects and provided over 9,400 volunteer hours of community service.

In the international arena, under Mr. Brubaker's leadership, a team of Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotarians joined with others to build a house in Mexico for a needy family. Through our support of the Paul Harris Foundation, the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary co-sponsored numerous other humanitarian projects all over the world including the effort to eradicate polio worldwide. We partnered with the Golden Triangle Rotary club in a program to build a school for girls in Afghanistan. Foreign exchange students were hosted as part of a program to promote better understanding of other cultures, and participated in developing a source of safe drinking water for Belize and the Ivory Coast. During Mr. Brubaker's tenure we also participated in "Heart to Heart in Africa," a program to provide much needed medical help to children with heart problems in third world countries, and computers were provided for school children at the Los Tambos School in Mexico.

I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing the many fine achievements of Jim Brubaker. Without question, his leadership and the fine work of the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club are worthy of recognition by the House today.

HONORING MONSANTO EMPLOYEES

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the employees of Monsanto who have played a major role in great agricultural advancements, and have positively impacted the lives of Americans and people around the world. I rise today to congratulate the employees of Monsanto who have gone above and beyond their normal duties and have been honored by the company's most prestigious award—the Sustainable Yield Pledge Award.

These outstanding workers stand out in the overall mission of the company. Monsanto has risen to the challenge of providing sustenance for an ever-increasing world population and has become a world-leader in advancing sustainable global agriculture. They have a vision to work with farmers to produce more, conserve more and improve lives on a global scale. This is all made possible by researching and advancing biotechnology to help corn, cotton, soybean and other specialty crop farmers overcome challenges and hardship. Monsanto is going the extra mile to produce enough food, fuel and fiber for a booming world population, which is expected to reach 9 billion by 2050.

The 61 Monsanto employees are prime examples of individuals who combined the vision

and values of their company. These award winners display the integrity, dialogue, transparency, sharing, benefits, and respect—all values promoted by Monsanto—and have paid it forward by acting as owners and creating a high-quality work environment. Through their efforts, lives have been improved in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil, India and Africa.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to have the opportunity to congratulate the following employees receiving a 2012 Monsanto Sustainable Yield Pledge Award for their positive impacts in science, agriculture and their communities.

Zellipah N. Githui, Nikki F. Davis, Elizabeth A. Vancil, Jeff Woessner, Agnes Adel Bolwell, Anne W. Troupis, Ken Rinkenberger, Jose M. Madero, Jose Jaime Mijares, Nery N. Echeverria, Jorge Christlieb, Gerardo F. Vaquero, Angela Maria Bastidas, Enrique Wehlen, Manuel J. Bravo, Andres Felix, Manuel Oyervides, Aurelia Skipwith, Kinyua Mbijewe, Natalie DiNicola, Glynn Young, Kathleen Manning, Kate Humphrey, Darren Wallis, Raegan Johnson, Mark I. Sutherland, Lisa Bannon-Bergmann, Chris Paton, Juan Ferreira, Kobus Lindeque, Deborah Patterson, B. Yogesh, Hitendra Singh Rana, Shrikant Mallinath Patil, Sandeep Bansal, Datta Ithape, Nilesh Bobade, Rahul Haribhau Kapse, Shrijan Gupta, Nick Lammers, Steve Pike, Wendy Martin, Ron Gardner, Tom Good, Krystal Einspahr, Tanner Oliphant, Julie Edmonds, Steve Schaefer, Greg Erler, Marcia Rhodus, Patrick Siler, Jenny Backhaus, Jennifer Tarr, Debra Vohs, Theresa Fitzsimmons, Scott Middelkamp, Andrew Jeremiah, Jason Huelsing, Jeff Hughes, Greg High, and Oseyi Ikenobe.

Accordingly, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these exceptional Monsanto employees for their extraordinary work and thank them for the impact they have had, and will continue to have, worldwide.

PRENATAL NONDISCRIMINATION ACT (PRENDA) OF 2012

SPEECH OF

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3541, which should be called the Straw Man Act of 2012.

Our first priorities in the House of Representatives must be helping to foster job creation and supporting middle class families.

Instead, the Republicans once again have chosen to continue their radical assault on women's health care in the guise of preventing gender discrimination in abortion.

I am concerned about gender discrimination. That is why I support legislation that will address gender bias like the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and the health reform law that will give women access to preventive health care.

Unlike those bills, H.R. 3541 does nothing to address sex discrimination or gender bias in society, but instead would punish health care providers for performing a legal medical procedure.

Offensively, this bill would create a right for a woman's husband or family member to sue to stop her from obtaining abortion care, which is a constitutionally protected right.